

Wit and Humor of the Actors

Who Joseph Jefferson Was -- Pete
Dulley's Audience -- May Irwin's
Horrible Example -- Stuart
Robson Wept -- Evans
and Weary

By MARSHALL P. WILDER

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Marshall P. Wilder.

LIVE on the sunny side of the street; shady folks live on the other. I always preferred the sunshine and have tried to put other people there. If only for an hour or two at a time, even if I had to do it after sunset from a platform under the gaslight, with my name blotted at the door as entertainer.

As birds of a feather flock together, it has been my good fortune to meet thousands of other people on the sunny side of the street, and I shall endeavor to distribute some of the sunshine which these fine fellows unloaded on me.

Joseph Jefferson took delight in telling of a new playmate of one of his sons, who asked another boy who young Jefferson was and was told: "Oh, his father works in a theater somewhere."

Pete Dulley, while enjoying a short vacation, visited a New York theater when business was dull. Being asked afterward how large the audience was, he replied, "I could lick all three of them."

On meeting a friend who was "fleshing up," he exclaimed, "You are getting so stout that I thought some one was with you."

May Irwin's joke.

I have been the subject of some actors' jokes and enjoyed the fun as much as any one. May Irwin had two sons who early in life were susceptible to the seductive cigarette, against which she cautioned them earnestly. I entered a restaurant one day where she and her sons were dining, and she called me over and gave me an opportunity to become acquainted with the little fellows. After I left them one turned to his mother and asked: "What makes that little man so short?"

"Smoking cigarettes," she replied. And they never smoked again.

Willie Collier invited me one summer to his beautiful home at St. James, on Long Island. He was out when I arrived, and when he returned Mrs. Collier said to him:

"You're going to have Marshall P. Wilder for dinner," and Willie replied: "I'd rather have lunch."

When an acquaintance said to Augustus Thomas after being wearied by a play: "That was the slowest performance I ever saw. Strange, too, for he had a run of 100 nights in London!" Thomas replied:

"That's the trouble. It's exhausted his speed."

Cried For an Hour.

Stuart Robson had been a close neighbor and friend for many years to Lawrence Barrett. His bosom friend, Marshall Lewis, fell in love with Barrett's charming daughter Millie, and Robson pretended to think it was the greatest joke in the world.

"Why don't you go in and win and marry her, Marshall?" he used to say in the squeaky voice which was not for the stage alone. "I'll tell you what I'll do. The day you marry Millie Barrett I'll give you \$5,000."

This went on for some time until, to Robson's astonishment and chagrin, Miss Barrett accepted Lewis.

By the way, when Barrett learned of it he exclaimed: "My dear boy, you don't know what you're doing. You are robbing me of my only remaining daughter."

"Not at all," Lewis replied, with a slap on the back of his father-in-law's head. "I'm merely giving you another son."

When the marriage day came Robson did not attend the ceremony, but he sent his daughter Alicia in his place, and gave her a check for \$5,000 drawn on Lewis' order, but with emphatic orders not to cash it from it until Lewis and Miss Barrett were pronounced man and wife. When Alicia returned her father asked her if she had given Lewis the check.

The girl replied, "Yes, father."

"What did he do and say?" Robson inquired impatiently.

"Why, father, he was so overcome that he cried for a minute after I gave it to him."

"Egad!" squeaked Robson. "Was that all? Why, I cried for an hour when I wrote it."

Eszy and His Hog.

Henry Dixey is an adept at the leprechaun tale, which is a word picture from start to finish. Here is a sample:

In one of the country stores, where they sell everything from a silk dress and a tub of butter to a hot drink and a cold meal, a lot of farmers were sitting around the store one cold winter day, when in came Farmer Evans, who was greeted with:

"How'd do, Eszy?"

"How'd do, boys?" After awhile he continued, "Waal, I've killed my hog."

The Farber Forum says it understands that W. S. Waters at Vandalia will use brick in the construction of a large business house, the manufactured stone with which he commenced the building failing to give satisfaction.

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A Whizzing Speech.

A. C. Deaver, County Collector of Monroe county, made the following speech at Leesburg on the Fourth:

"Friends and fellow sufferers, and ladies also: We have arrived. We are likewise here. Also we are in your midst. You are also present. You likewise constitute the midst in which we are a part of whom. Therefore we salute you and offer a nicker a pound for such of your spring lambs as are ready for market. This, my countrymen, is also the glorious Fourth. It is the anniversary of our election proceedings against King George. On every hand we are monarchs of all we survey and the world trembles when we shake the grass chigger from our angry brows. Also the price of hogs is more satisfactory and good cattle will probably bring more money. Therefore let freedom shriek as she never shrieked before! Let the whang-doodle whang and the rizzle-me-dig rizzle! Let the victorious eagle soar to greater height and rear back upon his hind legs till all the world hears his defiant roar. Let the chigger ehg and the digger dig; let the rizzinedink rizz and the pizzinkink whirr; let the sun and moon and stars flash forth in all their glory, and let all the nations be glad, and know all men by these presents that if the corn crop pans out like it promises the young hog will be king of beasts and great will be the price thereof. Then let us rejoice and be glad and go forth with ardent joy to pay the collector, which is also me, at the appointed time, which is now at hand, due and payable on or before the first day of January, after which a penalty of one percent a month will be added sine die, world without end, and the hills will skip in glee as the morning stars sing together. Therefore, let us whoop!"

She'll Not Make a Politician.

Macon, Mo., July 14.—Miss Mattie Batty, the new county school superintendent, was allowed her first quarter's salary—\$250—by the county court this week. She declined to take it on the ground that the law allowed county school superintendents in counties having less than 9,000 children only \$900 a year. The school children of the town of Macon cannot be included with those of the county. The young superintendent cited the authority and the clerk nearly fell off his stool. Hitherto superintendents have been regularly collecting \$1,000 a year without vibrations of conscience. It is feared Miss Batty will not shine as a politician.

Cook Sues Another Paper.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 14.—Sam B. Cook, ex-Secretary of State, this afternoon filed a suit in the Circuit Court against the Pulitzer Publishing Company (St. Louis Post-Dispatch) for \$100,000 damages because that paper on June 28 printed an alleged defamatory article under the caption, "Is It a Political Junk Shop?" in connection with the Salmon Bank affairs.

Valentine Erdel, charged with disturbing the peace of Gottlieb Winger, was acquitted in Judge E. N. Bass' court in Mexico last Saturday.

SETTLEMENT DOCKET,

Probate Court, August Term, 1905—Six Days' Session.

MONDAY, AUG. 14, 1905.

Est. Ivy Barnett, Minerva Leach Grdn.

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"Lennie E. Frier, W. H. Logan, Grdn.

"Phoebe Stotter, J. W. Stotter, Admr.

TUESDAY, AUG. 15.

Est. Jas. O'Brien, Annie O'Brien, Grdn.

"Hubert Branstetter et al. F. P. Branstetter, Grdn.

"Edith Stodd, Jas. Mettee, Grdn.

"Nathan Heirs, D. E. Nation, Grdn.

"Martillie Bybee, Noble Barnes, Admr.

"Lucinda Weaver, W. B. Marshall, Exr.

"Mary Miller, E. C. Keenan, Exr.

"Eliza Hite, Thos. Hite, Exr.

"Josephine Koehler, Jos. Denike, Grdn.

"Goldie Menade, P. W. Harding."

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16.

Est. Hilda Schopp, Jacob Schopp, Grdn.

"Lydia Schoppman, Minnie Schoppman, Grdn.

"Sudlow Heirs, J. E. Jesse, Grdn.

"Roy and Verill Spurling, H. G. Spurling, Grdn.

"Kilgus Heirs, Geo. W. Petty, Grdn.

"Ralph Callaway, Newton Callaway, Grdn.

"S. V. Overbaugh, H. A. Overbaugh, Exr.

"R. E. Johnson, Elmer Johnson, Exr.

"Geo. W. Stotter et al. J. W. Stotter, Grdn.

"Cynthia J. Berry, J. H. Berry, Admr.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17.

Est. Marietta Miller et al. E. C. Miller, Grdn.

"Thos. P. Kirkland, J. I. Kirkland, Grdn.

"J. C. Jamison, W. W. Bland, Grdn.

"Thos. Harrison, J. S. Henderson, Admr.

"Ben and A. G. Burton, Mattie Burton, Grdn.

"Cornelia Detienne, M. L. Detienne, Grdn.

"J. W. Cuthorn, W. E. Cuthorn, Exr.

"Elienezer Kilgore, J. E. Jesse, Grdn.

"T. Irwin Sturgeon, Allen Stallings, Grdn.

"Sarah McCord, J. E. Jesse, Exr.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18.

Est. Grace Weyman et al. J. E. Jesse, Grdn.

"Robt. L. Davis, S. T. Davis, Admr.

"Sam'l L. McCord, Emily D. McCord, Admr.

"R. T. Cannell, Annie Cannell, Exr.

"Andrew J. Fry, A. J. and R. S. Fry, Exr.

"J. M. Azell, E. R. and W. C. Azell, Admr.

"Edna M. Butts, Chas. M. Butts, Admr.

"Bottle Bottoms, O. B. Bottoms, Admr.

"Herman Bottoms, O. B. Bottoms, Grdn.

"J. A. Judy, J. M. Davis and C. W. Judy, Exrs.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19.

Est. Patrick Considine, Joe and Mary E. Considine, Exrs.

"B. F. Orear, B. F. Orear, Jr., Exr.

"C. A. Varmon, J. E. Jesse, Grdn.

"Enos Jackson, J. E. Jesse, Grdn.

"Gustave Alexander, W. E. Taggle, Admr.

"Dennis Satterlee, R. M. Satterlee, Grdn.

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Rev. Elmer Underwood, of Canton, Mo., son of A. S. Underwood of this county, preached at the Mexico Christian church last Sunday morning. Elmer is a bright young man and many of his Mexico friends "stretched a point" to be present to hear his address Sunday morning.

Mother of Quadruplets.

Lamoure, N. D., July 14.—Mrs. Eugene Kelley of this place has given birth to quadruplets, three girls and one boy. The entire town is elated over the event and a reception, at which every inhabitant of the town was present, has been given the parents.

T. B. Duncan, Joe Moore, Jr., J. W. Rouse and T. J. Gibson were appointed by the Commercial Club last week to take subscriptions for \$300 to pay the expenses of the next meeting of the State Poultry Association in Mexico.

The MESSAGE has a letter from Miss Irene Parker, of Wagoner, I. T., who with her parents formerly lived near Skinner, this county. Says her sister graduated from Central College this year. Both these young ladies were former pupils of the Mexico schools. Miss Parker says Wagoner is growing rapidly. Many new houses going up; a large stove factory has been established, also a cotton oil mill. Gas has also been discovered in the vicinity. Her father has bought a farm about six miles from the place, but the family lives in town.

A New Factor in Education.

During the coming year, State Superintendent Carrington and the faculty of the Missouri Teachers College, the new department of the University of Missouri, will unite to reach every teacher of the State in county meetings. It is proposed to carry on the work along the same general lines as that done by the State Board of Agriculture and the Agricultural College in Farmer's Institute work. The effect will be to give the best talent of the College directly to teachers in their homes.

Some Foreign News Happenings.

Seven died of heat in New York City last Friday.

An Indiana editor names Gov. Folk for the next vice-president.

Wm. Todd of near Hartsville, Mo., was killed Friday by the kick of a mule.

Mrs. G. W. Garth, a millionaire widow of New York, has married her coachman.

Thomas Reese, an inmate of the Fulton asylum, was drowned in a pond on the institution's grounds Friday.

Vice-president Fairbanks recently visited Col. A. F. Fleet and the cadets at Culver Military Academy in Indiana.

An old feud about a division fence led to the shooting of Tal Jones and Alder Cook by Dug Owens, five miles south of Springfield, Mo., Friday.

The salaries of the Russian peace plenipotentiaries have been fixed at \$200 per day each, besides an allowance of \$7,500 for traveling and other expenses.

A regiment of Russians in Tiflis, stationed at a small village in the mountains, has murdered all its officers and it is rumored has joined the revolutionists.

Representative George F. Chapline of Monroe county, Arkansas, was declared by a jury at Little Rock guilty of conspiracy to commit bribery in connection with the Bache river levee district bill at the recent session of the legislature.

An avalanche of wheat came down on Anthony Van Dulla in a been where he is supposed to have fallen after opening a spout in the Southern elevator, East St. Louis, Thursday evening, and he was suffocated before the grain could be shoveled away.

After years of patient study and experiment in Germany involving millions of dollars, it is thought that at last the "high speed" long distance electrical locomotive is about to be put to actual commercial use; that is, with an ability, if needed, to run at a speed of upward of 100 miles an hour.

Judge S. E. Kendall and wife visited in Columbia last week.

Mrs. McCabe Howe of Kansas City, arrived last week for a visit with her parents in Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Barnes.

Mrs. V. W. Bland of Vandalia has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, southeast of Mexico.

Dr. W. F. Traugher of Mexico and Miss Nora Petree of Kirksville are announced to be married some time next month. The ceremony will be at the home of the bride-to-be's brother in San Jose, California. The couple will visit the Portland Exposition before returning from the West. Dr. Traugher is very popular in Mexico and wherever known, and the same is said of Miss Petree. We congratulate them and wish them happiness and long life.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that Final Settlement of the estate of Jane Berrey, deceased, will be made at the August term of the Probate Court of Audrain county, State of Missouri, to be held at Mexico, Mo., on the second Monday in August, 1905.

J. N. BERRY, Administrator.

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To Denver, Colo., and Return \$19.90 Account International Epworth League Convention. Tickets on sale June 30th to July 4th, inclusive. Return limit July 14th. Extension of limit to August 8th, 1905, for 50 cents additional.

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